

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013

HOUSE BILL 796  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN COLUMBARIUMS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA  
CEMETERY ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 65-47 reads as rewritten:

"§ 65-47. **Scope.**

(a) The provisions of this Article shall apply to all persons engaged in the business of operating a cemetery as defined herein, except cemeteries owned and operated by governmental agencies or churches.

(b) Any cemetery beneficially owned and operated by a fraternal organization or its corporate agent for at least 50 years prior to September 1, 1975, shall be exempt from the provisions of Article 9 of this Chapter.

(c) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to persons licensed under Article 13D of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes when engaging in activities for which a license is required under the Article.

(d) A columbarium that is built on the grounds of a private, self-contained retirement community in a county where no commercially available columbarium exists, funded solely by the residents of that community, and reserved exclusively for the residents' use shall be exempt from the provisions of Article 9 of this Chapter."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires 18 months after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

